

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS
USING ~~STRAINS OF THE ENTEROBACTERIACEAE~~ STRAINS WITH ATTENUATED
POXB GENES FAMILY

Please replace the text on page 12, lines 23-32 with the following text:

A pure culture of the Escherichia coli K-12 strain DH5 α /pMAK705 was deposited as DSM 13720 on 8th September 2000 at the Deutsche Sammlun für Mikororganismen und Zellkulturen Mascheroder Weg 1b D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany (DSMZ = German Collection of Microorgansims and Cell Cultures, Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest Treaty.

A pure culture of the Escherichia coli K-12 strain MG442 Δ poxB was deposited as DSM 13762 on 2nd October 2000 at the Deutsche Sammlun für Mikororganismen und Zellkulturen Mascheroder Weg 1b D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany (DSMZ = German Collection of Microorgansims and Cell Cultures, Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest Treaty.

Please delete the text on page 25, lines 1-4:

~~BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES~~

- ~~• Figure 1: pMAK705 Δ poxB (= pMAK705deltapoxB)~~
- ~~• Figure 2: pMW219gdhA~~
- ~~• Figure 3: pMW219rhtC~~

Please replace the Abstract at page 41 with the attached substitute Abstract.